

**TAB "B"**

1. For the present, references in general terms to the reality of the struggle for power, but avoidance of (a) singling out specific individuals as participants in or victims of this struggle unless the facts are absolutely established, and (b) any hint that we favor any individual, clique, or power instrument.

2. The most important step we can take on the day it is known that Stalin is dead is that of violating protocol and remaining ostentatiously silent. Because this is an unusual act it will have great resonance and will be interpreted as encouragement to democratic forces and absence of regret at the passing of a tyrant. It would be highly desirable to get agreement with the other governments of the free world to do the same.

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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Officer designations should be used in the "TO" column. Under each comment a line should be drawn across sheet and each comment numbered to correspond with the number in the "TO" column. Each officer should initial (check mark insufficient) before further routing. This Routing and Record Sheet should be returned to Registry.

FROM:

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NO.

DATE

12 July

TO	ROOM NO.	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
		REC'D	FWD'D		
1. PL/PAC	JUL	13			
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